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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: MARINE LIVING RESOURCES AT
EXTENDED PREPARATORY MEETING

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED UK INVITATION TO SECOND
EXTENDED PREPARATORY MEETING TO BE HELD IN LONDON JULY 26-
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29, FOLLOWING SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON POLISH
QUESTION. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT REPRESENTATIVES
OF TWELVE HAVE, IN MONTHLY EMBASSY LEVEL MEETINGS, AGREED
THAT ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ISSUE SHOULD BE
PRIORITY AGENDA ITEM FOR THIS SECOND EXTENDED PREPARATORY
MEETING. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT JULY MEETING OFFERS
IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE FORWARD ON LIVING RESOURCE

ISSUE. SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME AT NINTH CONSULTATIVE WOULD BE GREATLY FACILITATED IF REPRESENTATIVES TO JULY PREPARATORY MEETING ARE IN POSITION TO EXPLORE ISSUE IN DEPTH.

2. DISCUSSION OF LIVING RESOURCE ISSUE AT PRIOR EXTENDED PREPARATORY MEETING IN MARCH, IN US VIEW, MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD DEFINING ISSUE FOR NINTH CONSULTATIVE. PAPERS WERE TABLED BY AUSTRALIA, THE UK AND THE US. (THE US PAPER, WHICH OUTLINED QUESTIONS WHICH NEED TO BE ANSWERED IN DEVELOPMENT OF A CONSERVATION REGIME FOR ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES, SEEMED WELL RECEIVED AND

COULD BE A BASIS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS.) WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE JULY MEETING HAVE A FOCUS FOR CONSIDERING LIVING RESOURCE ISSUE AND WOULD SUGGEST PAPERS TABLED AT MARCH MEETING, INCLUDING US PAPER, SERVE AS STARTING POINT.

3. FOR LONDON: US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE JULY 6 MEETING OF EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD INDICATE US UNDERSTANDING THAT ISSUE OF ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES IS PRIORITY AGENDA ITEM FOR JULY PREPARATORY MEETING AND STRESS IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO FULL CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE IN PREPARATORY MEETING. US REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD FURTHER INDICATE THAT US PLANS TO CONTINUE EXPLORE OUTLINES OF A POSSIBLE REGIME FOR ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCES
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AND POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS ON THAT SUBJECT. WE WOULD HOPE THAT ALL DELEGATIONS WILL BE PREPARED TO DO SO, IN ORDER THAT NINTH CONSULTATIVE MAKE MAXIMUM PROGRESS ON ISSUE. US BELIEVES THAT INFORMAL WORKING PAPERS TABLED AT MARCH MEETING SHOULD PROVIDE FRAMEWORK FOR DISCUSSION AT THE UP-COMING PREPARATORY SESSION.

4. FOR BRUSSELS, BUENOS AIRES, CANBERRA, MOSCOW, OSLO, PARIS, PRETORIA, SANTIAGO, TOKYO, WELLINGTON: EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH OFFICIALS DEALING WITH ANTARCTIC MATTERS AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN HOST GOVERNMENT FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MAKE SAME POINTS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE. REPORT REACTION TO YOUR APPROACH. VANCE

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